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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kazuhiro OKADA, et al.

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Examiner: Timothy J. Dole

For: FORCE DETECTOR

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of June 29, 2004 and the above amendatory action has been taken to place the application into condition for allowance.

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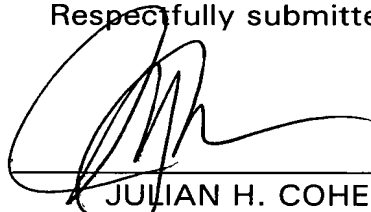
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In this regard, the Examiner has only rejected claims 1-12 on the doctrine of obviousness double-patenting and attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to application 10/022,580 which will overcome the double-patenting rejection.

Accordingly, since there is no other rejection in the Official Action, it is taken that by overcoming the double-patenting rejection the application is now placed into condition for allowance. Early dispatch of the Notice of Allowance would therefore be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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